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ROBERT BUTTERWORTH,
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Petitioner,

v.

RAY SANDSTROM,

Respondent.

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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(B) WHETHER THE OPINION SUB JUDICE CONFLICTS WITH PATTERSON v. CUYLER, 729 F. 2d 925 (3rd Cir. 1984) ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER STATE FINDINGS OF MIXED QUESTIONS OF LAW AND FACT ARE ENTITLED TO THE STATUTORY PRESUMPTION OF CORRECTNESS UNDER 28 U.S.C. 2254(d)?

(C) WHETHER THE OPINION SUB JUDICE DECIDES A SUBSTANTIAL FEDERAL QUESTION NOT PREVIOUSLY RULED ON BY THIS COURT; TO WIT:

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Robert Butterworth, Sheriff, et al., petitions this Court for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in this case.

OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion on direct appeal from respondent's citation of contempt is reported as Sandstrom v. State, 402 So.2d 461 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981). The Florida Supreme Court order denying respondent's petition to review that decision is reported in Sandstrom v. State, 412 So.2d 470 (Fla. 1982).

The opinion of the court of appeal, 11th Circuit, is reported as Sandstrom v. Butterworth, 438 F.2d 1200 (11th Cir. 1984).

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

The judgment from the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals was entered on August 13, 1984. Petition for rehearing was denied on September 10, 1984.

This court's jurisdiction is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1254(1).

FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION INVOLVED

The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides as follows:

> No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the priviledges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent Sandstrom, while acting as defense counsel in the circuit court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, was found in direct criminal contempt of court. A direct appeal of that contempt citation was taken to the Fourth District Court of Appeal on the basis that the facts and procedures used by the trial court, did not support a valid judgment of direct criminal contempt under state law. The judgment and sentence were affirmed by the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Sandstrom v. State, 402 So.2d 461 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981). The appellate court made the finding that the review of the facts indicated the trial judge was not required to disqualify himself. Petition for discretionary review filed by respondent was denied by the Florida Supreme Court.

A petition for writ of habeas corpus, filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, alleged the denial of respondent's right to due process in that the trial judge did not disqualify himself. In response to that petition, the state maintained that the petition should be dismissed since petitioner never presented the due process claim in a state court. Additionally, the state contended that the state court findings must be accorded deference in the federal forum. After an evidentiary hearing, the district court entered its order granting petitioner's prayer for habeas corpus relief. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, and that Court by its opinion dated August 13, 1984, affirmed the district court's

ruling. This petition follows the denial on September 10, 1984, of petitioner's petition for rehearing.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

In its attempt to reach an unexhausted issue, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals found that the Florida District Court of Appeal decided a federally based due process claim simply by citing a United States Supreme Court precedent.

Even though not presented by respondent Sandstrom, when he directly appealed the trial court's ruling, the Eleventh Circuit deemed that the Florida court had a "fair opportunity" to apply controlling federal legal principles. This, of course, was error, and in direct opposition to this Court's ruling in Anderson v. Harless, 459 U.S. 4 (1982). As such, this conflict is a

basis for invoking this Court's jurisdiction. Rule 17(1)(c) Supreme Court rules (1980).

The need for complete state exhaustion of federal claims is most recently stated by this Court in Rose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509 (1982). The states must have "an initial opportunity to pass upon and correct alleged violations of prisoners federal rights." At page 518. See also Duckworth v. Serrano, 454 U.S. 1 (1981).

In this instance the state court was never presented with a federal claim and it is clear, contrary to the language found in the opinion sub judice, that the state court did not dispose of the issue based upon federal constitutional claims.

The state court made the following statement:

> Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971), is a leading exposition on the subject of disqualification of judges in contempt proceedings.

Sandstrom v. State, 402 So.2d 461, at 463 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981). Circuit Judge Tjoflat, dissenting, stated: "It is therefore just as likely that that court, in quoting from Mayberryv. Pennsylvania, [citation omitted], was only articulating a state rule, ..." Sandstrom v. Butterworth, 438 So.2d 1200 at 1215 (11th Cir. 1984). In fact, in no way can the statements from the district court of appeal in quoting from Mayberry, be said to have addressed and disposed of a federal due process claim.

Booker v. Wainwright, 703 F.2d 1251 (11th Cir. 1983), is cited as providing

a rule that when a Florida court cites a federal precedent in disposing an issue, the Eleventh Circuit "...will have viewed the state court as having treated the issue as arrising under both federal and state law for Sykes purposes." at page 1256. As the dissent pointed out, Booker was a substantially different case since the claim in Booker was presented in the state courts both in federal and state terms.

In Booker, the Eleventh Circuit states that to hold that the state court had not addressed the federal claim would be to foreclose federal habeas review of issues imprecisely dealt with at the state level. Practical considerations dictate that when it is clear that the state courts had a "fair opportunity" to deal with a presented claim, Booker

asserts a valid viewpoint. However, when the focus shifts to whether the state court considered a federal claim not raised by briefs or pleadings, there should be a certainty that the state court considered the claim under relevant federal guidelines before the federal court presumes to review that decision. Simply citing relevant federal precedent cannot give rise to the conclusion that a federal claim was disposed of. The danger of such a holding is that claims never addressed by state courts will be first countenanced on federal habeas corpus. It is exactly that which Rose v. Lundy, supra, prohibits.

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Under Rule 17(1)(a), Supreme Court Rules (1980), conflict between the case sub judice and that of another federal

Court of Appeal on the same matter is a basis for invoking this Court's certiorari jurisdiction.

In its opinion below, the Eleventh Circuit made the following statement:

> This conclusion, ...derives from a mixed question of law and fact. The statutory presumption of correctness in § 2254, therefore, does not apply.

738 F.2d 1200, at 1207.

That statement is expressly in conflict with the following holding in Patterson v. Cuyler, 729 F.2d 925 (3rd Cir. 1984).

> In each of the three cases, [Maggio v. Fulford, ___ U.S. ___, 76 L.Ed. 2d 794 (1983) , Marshall v. Lonberger, 459 U.S. 422 (1983), and Rushin v. Spain, ___ U.S. ___ 78

> L.Ed.2d 267 (1983)] the issue considered,...,may be characterized as a mixed question of law and fact. Since the court applied § 2254(d) in each, over the dissenting view that it was inapplicable, we are led to the inescapable conclusion that our own earlier statements..., that mixed questions of law and fact are not governed by § 2254(d), are no longer accurate.

729 F.2d 925 at 932.

It is therefore unmistakable that the Eleventh and Third circuits have decided the same principle of law in opposite ways.

The question of what standard of review is appropriate for mixed questions of law and fact is a substantial one. It

is one of reoccurring nature and one which effects a large class of persons. Additionally, the opposite interpretations of § 2254(d) creates the need for a uniform rule from this Court to guide the several United States Courts of Appeals.

In summary, this Court should accept review of this question on the basis of an express conflict between the Eleventh Circuit and the Third Circuit on the interpretation of § 2254(d).

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As a final reason for review, the Court is presented with an important federal question of first impression. The Circuit Court of Appeals acknowledged this question has not been heretofore ruled on by this Court. (See Sandstrom v. Butterworth, at page 1213.

The question concerns the individuals right to an impartial tribunal guaranteed by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment juxtaposed with the requirement that a judicial officer be given the power to swiftly maintain courtroom decorum.

The Eleventh Circuit found below that, regardless of the fact that the contempt citation occurred during trial, respondent was denied his due process right to a fair tribunal by the failure of the trial court to step aside. Previous cases from this court have indicated that the timing of the contempt citation is critical. See Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455 (1971); Taylor v. Hayes, 418 U.S. 488 U.S. (1974); Offutt v. U.S., 348 U.S. 11 (1954). When a contempt citation is entered after the

trial, the contemnor should be afforded the due process protection available at that stage. On the other hand, when a citation occurs during trial as the result of the trial court's need for "instant action" to "restore order and maintain the dignity and authority of the court," Johnson v. Mississippi, 403 U.S. 212 (1971), the exigency of the situation makes it impractical for the judicial officer to step aside in the midst of a trial. Obstruction of judicial proceedings will not be tolerated, In re McConnell, 370 U.S. 230 (1962), and judges must have the ability to expeditiously remove such roadblocks. It was just such an obstruction that the trial court removed by entering the contempt citation below. The Florida district court of appeal quoted from the

trial court's order:

> The state contended that attorney Sandstrom was misquoting statements allegedly made by the witness. Mr. Sandstrom agreed that at times he would misquote and contended that it was proper for him to do so. The court instrutted [sic] him that if he read statements from the transcript that he was to quote exactly. Mr. Sandstrom was not in agreement and refused to comply with the court's demand and refused to proceed with interrogation. The court instructed him to proceed with the court's order or to release the witness both of which he refused to do.

Sandstrom v. State, 402 So.2d 461, 462.

The Eleventh Circuit has held, by the opinion below, that even in the midst of a trial a judge who has been the target of contemptuous conduct must refrain from imposing a contempt citation. Such a ruling creates the type of obstruction which the contempt power is designed to alleviate. If the judge is forced to retreat in the face of contemptuous conduct, is that not an obstruction in itself?

Distilled to its essence, the Eleventh Circuit's opinion makes no distinction on the basis of when the contempt citation is entered. Such a holding requires that in every instance in which the judge has been the target of the contemptuous remarks, the judge must retreat. Such a doctrine has a high potential for abuse and is likely to result in great

loss of limited judicial resources. This Court must grant discretionary review to answer the question of whether a contempt citation during trial is entitled to a different standard.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, petitioner respectfully urges this Court to grant certiorari and reverse the holding of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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RAY SANDSTROM, Appellant,

v.

STATE of Florida, Appellee.

No. 79-649

District Court of Appeal of Florida,

July 22, 1981

Rehearing Denied September 16, 1981.

Ray Sandstrom of Sandstrom & Haddad, Fort Lauderdale, for appellant.

Jim Smith, Atty. Gen., Tallahassee, and Paul H. Zacks, Asst. Atty. Gen., West Palm Beach, for appellee.

BERANEK, Judge.

This is an appeal by an attorney from a final judgment and sentence of direct criminal contempt. We affirm.

Appellant was defense counsel in a murder prosecution. He was found in contempt and sentenced to thirty days in jail during the trial. The trial court

entered the following order:

THIS CAUSE came on before the Court upon demand by the Court of Counsel of of the above styled case, Ray Sandstrom, why he should not be found in direct criminal contempt for failure to abide by the Courts rules in regard to his manner of interogation of a witness, Willie Edson, concerning prior testimony given by Willie Edson and which had previously been transcribed. The State contended that Attorney Sandstrom was misquoting statements allegedly made by the witness. Mr. Sandstrom agreed that at times he would misquote and contended that it was proper for him to do so. The Court instruted him that if he read statements from the transcript that he was to quote exactly. Mr. Sandstrom was not in agreement and refused to comply with the

Courts demand and refused to proceed with the interogation. The Court instructed him to proceed with the Courts Order or to release the witness both of which he refused to do. The Court then read Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.830 to the Defendant asking him to respond to why he should not be found in comtempt to which Mr. Sandstrom responded and the Court found the response to be unsatisfactory. The Court asked Mr. Sandstrom if he had any evidence to present of mitigating or excusing circumstances. Mr. Sandstrom did not present any excusing or mitigating circumstances and the Court found and thereby adjudged Mr. Sandstrom in direct criminal contempt and sentenced him to thirty (30) days in jail and gave him the opportunity to have the Court vacate the Order by

again having the witness placed on the stand and comply with the Court's Order regarding interogation. Mr. Sandstrom again refused and this Court Ordered the Defendant bodily taken to the jail and placed in custody to serve thirty (30) days for direct criminal contempt of Court. The Court Ordered the jurors to go home, directing them to remain available both at work and at home by disclosing their phone numbers to the respective places. The Court informs the Defendant that it may consider mitigation of the sentence by apologizing to the Court for the disruption that he has caused and by agreeing to continue with the interogation of the witness in accordance with the Court's order.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida this 14 day of March 1979. (Order

reproduced verbatim.)

On appeal, it is asserted that the trial judge should have disqualified himself and that the conduct of appellant was such that a finding of contempt constituted an abuse of discretion. We reject both arguments.

When the State Attorney objected and pointed out that defense counsel was misquoting the transcript, the trial court unequivocally sustained the objection and directed counsel as to the proper method of cross-examination. Instead of accepting this ruling, appellant launched into a vehement and extended dialog with the court. Appellant's position was that he could pretend to read from the transcript by making up questions and answers and thereby impeach the witness. Counsel repeatedly asserted the trial judge was wrong, that he was right, that

his method of cross was a "recognized" method and that he would continue with it. Counsel rudely argued at length to this effect. He refused, in the face of repeated specific orders from the judge, to disclose the page he was pretending to read from and repeatedly urged that he could intentionally misquote if he chose to do so. The court repeatedly ruled this to be improper but appellant directly refused to follow the judge's instruction. He proclaimed the court was wrong, and that his cross-examination could not be interfered with in any manner. At a point, the judge inquired as to whether counsel would release the witness and cease his cross-examination. Counsel refused to comply and again began his improper questioning. He refused to disclose the page number, refusing to quote correctly, and left a

pending question before the witness despite the court's specific instruction that the witness not answer it. The court then again instructed counsel to proceed in four separate direct verbal orders. In response to each of these four separate verbal orders, counsel proclaimed he would not proceed and that he was "waiting for an answer." Despite numerous efforts by the trial judge, counsel never retreated from his position that he was right and the judge was wrong and that he would cross-examine in his own manner.

Eventually, the court cited appellant for direct criminal contempt, advised him of the charge against him and gave him an opportunity to show cause why he should not be found in contempt. The court also gave him the opportunity to present evidence of mitigating circum-

stances. When the court formally asked him to state his reasons for his direct disobedience, he simply argued again that he could not be compelled to cross-examine in the fashion ordered by the judge. Even when the court specifically inquired under Rule 3.830 as to whether he wished to offer testimony or evidence, appellant declined to do so and continued to argue the legal issue of cross-examination.

[1] A direct criminal contempt occuring in the presence of a trial judge may be punished immediately and summarily. See Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.830. Under such circumstances, the trial judge need not disqualify himself unless he has become directly and personally embroiled. Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971) is a leading exposition on the subject of the

disqualification of judges in contempt proceedings. The United States Supreme Court stated in relevant part as follows 91 S.Ct. at pages 504 and 505.

> Instant treatment of contempt where lawyers are involved may greatly prejudice their clients but it may be the only wise course where others are involved. Moreover, we do not say that the more vicious the attack on the judge the less qualified he is to act. A judge cannot be driven out of a case. Where, however, he does not act the instant the contempt is committed, but waits until the end of the trial, on balance, it is generally wise where the marks of the unseemly conduct have left personal stings to ask a fellow judge to take his place. ...
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> It is, of course, not every attack on a judge that disqualifies him from

sitting. In Ungar v. Sarafite, 376 U.S. 575, 84 S.Ct. 841, 11 L.Ed.2d 921, we ruled that a lawyer's challenge, through "disruptive, recalcitrant and disagreeable commentary," was still not "an insulting attack upon the integrity of the judge carrying such potential for bias as to require disqualification."

[2[Here, the trial judge chose to act immediately rather than waiting till the conclusion of the trial. This was proper and required because counsel would not proceed in accordance with the court's directions. In accordance with the Mayberry decision, instant and immediate punishment for contempt militates against disqualification. Our review of the transcript convinces us that the judge was not required to disqualify himself herein.

[3] The conduct of counsel here was clearly of a character sufficient to warrant the finding of criminal contempt. This Court's decision in Baisden v. State, 203 So.2d 194 (Fla. 4th DCA 1967), is on point. There, a dispute arose between defense counsel and the trial judge over the propriety of certain questions on cross-examination. This Court stated as follows at page 198:

> The proper limitation of cross examination and the range to be permitted during such examination is a matter that in criminal cases as well as in civil cases, lies within the sound discretion of the trial court. Under the circumstances, defense counsel should have trimmed his sails to the judicial wind as prevailed in the courtroom. The controlling principle this is clear when a defense attorney disobeys

> the direct command of a judge. The attorney must swallow his disappointment, save the point for review, and wait until later, if it is error, to be corrected. Meanwhile he must submit to the judge. (Citations omitted.)

Here, even if the trial judge's ruling on the mode of cross-examination had been incorrect, counsel should have complied with it and brought the matter to the appellate court.

[4] Appellant urges before this Court that he could not have been guilty of contempt because he was merely trying to preserve the record as to his unsuccessful attempts at cross-examination. He argues he only declined to proceed with cross-examination and that such conduct cannot be contemptuous as a matter of law. This argument fails because it disregards counsel's own prior conduct.

When held in contempt, appellant was already guilty of contemptuous disobedience to the Court's orders. A further act of disobedience after the contempt finding was unnecessary. The entire record compels the conclusion that appellant intentionally and steadfastly refused to comply with a lawful court order and that such conduct substantially interfered with the trial of the cause and eventually resulted in a mistrial. We conclude that Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.830 was adequately complied with and that the court did not abuse its discretion in finding defendant in contempt and sentencing him therefor. The judgment and sentence below are affirmed.

AFFIRMED.

GLICKSTEIN, J., and SIMONS, STUART M., Associate Judge, concur.

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Ray SANDSTROM, Petitioner-Appellee

v.

Robert BUTTERWORTH, Sheriff, et al.,

Respondents-Appellants.

No. 83-5431.

United States Court of Appeals,

Eleventh Circuit.

Aug. 13, 1984.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Before TJOFLAT and CLARK, Circuit Judges, and GOLDBERG, Senior Circuit Judge.

GOLDBERG, Senior Circuit Judge:

The functioning of our legal system occasionally brings into direct opposition fundamental values upon which the entire system rests. Absolute conflicts between these basic values, where preserving one value requires compromise of

another, are among the most perplexing challenges that this Court encounters. This habeas corpus appeal presents just such a challenge. It involves one manifestation of the tension that exists between the courts' criminal contempt power and various tenents of constitutional due process. In the case at bar, petitioner's conviction for criminal contempt stands in conflict with an important principle of due process--the right to an impartial tribunal. To uphold the state court's adjudication of contempt would necessarily and significantly intrude upon that fundamental due process value. Alternatively, to vindicate the petitioner's right to an impartial tribunal would require imposing some limitation upon courts' traditionally broad contempt authority. Under the circumstances here, however, the potential im-

pairment of the court's power is outweighed by unfairness to the petitioner. We, therefore, resolve the instant conflict of values in favor of due process.

BACKGROUND

Petitioner, an attorney, was adjudged in direct criminal contempt by a Florida state trial judge in the course of a murder trial. Petitioner was representing James Nolan, who was being tried on three counts of first degree murder. The trial was Mr. Nolan's second on the murder charges.[1] It opened on a note of

1/ The Nolan case was tried three times with petitioner as counsel. The first two trials resulted in mistrials--the first because of a hung jury and the second because of the occurrences that led to the contempt judgment at issue in this case. The third trial resulted in an acquittal of Mr. Nolan on all counts.

hostility, with the following exchange occurring between the presiding judge, the petitioner, and Mr. Haddad, petitioner's law partner.

THE COURT [to Mr. Haddad]: You are not co-counsel in this case. I am telling you right now you are not going to interrogate any witnesses in this case. You pull smart stuff on me, I will put it back on you.

MR. HADDAD: I told the Court Monday when I was here to start picking a jury, I was not going to be involved in the jury selection, I had to be out of town on another case.

THE COURT: And on Wednesday when Mr. Sandstrom wasn't here I called your office and they said that they couldn't find you anywhere around the office all day long, that you couldn't come over to pick a jury because they didn't know

where you were, and I am telling you right now you are not going to be in this court.

MR. HADDAD: The Court is precluding me?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. HADDAD: When I tried this case the last time, the Court is precluding me?

THE COURT: Don't get smart. I am sick of you; okay? You are not involved in this case. Just get out. Get out of this courtroom. I don't even want you around.

MR. SANDSTROM: Let the record show an objection on behalf of the defendant to the directions of the Court in precluding the defendant from having full representation in the manner which he had at the last trial which he has contracted for on this occasion, and contrary to

to the wishes of the defendant.

THE COURT: The defendant isn't here. I presume he will substantiate what you are saying. I am telling you I am not having that little creep come in to this courtroom and get involved in it. I don't like him. I don't like what he is doing. I don't like your being involved in this case. You are too smart-alecky. Your attitude is bad, and I don't want you in this courtroom. You told me before you weren't representing this defendant, Mr. Sandstrom was going to pick the jury, you are not available, and when Mr. Sandstrom is missing and you are not going to be in this case now, and I don't want anything off you because I am going to put you in jail. I'm sick of you.

Record, Vol. 1 at 90-91.

Conflict between the judge and the pe-

titioner arose early in the trial, concerning the judge's conduct towards petitioner's partner and petitioner's arrival time in court.

THE COURT [to petitioner]: I told Mr. Haddad he couldn't come into this courtroom. I will change my mind to the extent he can sit at the bench with you. He is not going to participate at the trial. He is not going to interrogate any witnesses. He is not going to argue any arguments.

Mr. Haddad did that, and he advised the Court Wednesday telling the Court he wasn't available to interrogate the jury and help pick the jury when you were off on a trip to New Orleans. You told the Court you would be back at 1:00. You got back at 3:30 on the nose because I was going to dismiss the jury at 3:30

on the nose, and Mr. Haddad's office was called by the clerk's office twice and my office twice, and the girls said they simply couldn't find Mr. Haddad, he wasn't around.

I believe that Mr. Haddad was not around. I think he is a liar. I think he is a poor attorney. He is not a good officer of this court. He doesn't belong to this court, and I am not going to have him practice in this court in this trial.

I don't care whether he is an attorney representing the defendant or not.

MR. SANDSTROM: The remarks of this Court are such that we are compelled to make a motion to disqualify the Court on the basis thereof. I have done it up in form, and about all the Court gets to consider is the form. I wanted to advise it would be up in a couple of

minutes.

THE COURT: Bring me the form. I will sign an order, and we will continue on with this trial. I am going to see that Mr. Nolan gets a fair trial, and I am not going to have that included Haddad coming in here and acting like a clown.

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THE COURT [to petitioner]: I made my ruling, and that is the way it is going to be. I want to get on with the trial. You were to be here at 12:30. You have a reason for not being here, and I accept it. I'm not going to tolerate it again. We are going to trial at the times I set, and if you don't show up at the times I am going to find you in contempt of court.

Record, Vol. 1 at 91-94.

The motion for mistrial was denied.

Later in the trial, during petitioner's cross-examination of a prosecution witness, petitioner was held in contempt. Sentencing for this contempt, however, apparently never took place.

Q (By Mr. Sandstrom) On this one, does it not say--

A That is unknown white male number two. This one I have an autopsy--

Q This says unknown white male?

MR. KERN: He doesn't let him answer the question.

THE COURT: Let him finish.

A This one is identified--

Q (By Mr. Sandstrom) I didn't ask you that. I am--

THE COURT: You asked him to identify. Now please give him a chance to answer.

MR. SANDSTROM: I am asking him about this portion.

THE COURT: You are so rude and nasty

about it.

MR. SANDSTROM: Wait a minute now. I am objecting and making a motion. I want to excuse this jury.

THE COURT: You are not moving the jury out. Make your motion.

MR. SANDSTROM: I move for a mistrial on the grounds that the Court is participating in this and employing the improper language in this courtroom reflecting on counsel for the defendant.

THE COURT: You are acting like an animal.

MR. SANDSTROM: No, I am not acting like any animal. I think the Court is doing that.

THE COURT: You are the rudest person I have ever seen.

MR. SANDSTROM: I can say the same for you.

THE COURT: It is because of you.

MR. SANDSTROM: It is because of you that I need act like I do.

THE COURT: Okay. Now we are going to stop this. The next time we go through it, I am going to find you in contempt.

MR. SANDSTROM: Go ahead. If you think you are threatening me, I understand the grounds of propriety and how to walk within them. When you invite a comment, I shall comment.

THE COURT: I find you in contempt of Court. I will sentence you after the trial is over.

MR. SANDSTROM: At this time I renew my motion because of the Court participating in that delusion in front of the jury.

THE COURT: Denied.

Record, Vol. 1 at 97-98.

A conflict over petitioner's method of

cross-examination also led to the contempt citation at issue in this case.

MR. KERN: I would also point out that counsel is wrong, and I object to it, and I object repeatedly.

MR. SANDSTROM: I haven't misquoted, and I am entitled to misquote on any occasion I choose, and if the witness accepts that version, it only tends to impeach him because people that know what they are talking about don't accept the version that is incorrect.

THE COURT: I am instructing you unless he tells you--

MR. KERN: I am never going to tell him it is correct.

THE COURT: Unless he tells you he is reading it correctly from the transcript-

MR. SANDSTROM: I am never. Then we are all through examing.

THE COURT: Do what you want.

MR. SANDSTROM: I want--I am going to do what I am right--

THE COURT: You are going to jail very shortly.

MR. SANDSTROM: You might cite me, but I am going to take it up because I am not going to jail because we will have a review of it.

THE COURT: Yes, we will.

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THE COURT: I am telling you what I want you to do, and you are going to do it.

MR. SANDSTROM: I don't care about being asked what you want me to do.

THE COURT: Mr. Bailiff, take that gentleman and put him in the jail now.

MR. SANDSTROM: No. I am entitled to be treated differently.

THE COURT: You are going to jail, sir.

MR. SANDSTROM: I am entitled to be

treated differently.

THE COURT: Call in a couple more bailiffs and take this man and put him in the jail.

MR. SANDSTROM: I have my rights, and one of those rights is to have an appropriate citation and a right to appeal it to a court that is impartial, and not in the manner in which this Court has exhibited its prejudice towards me.

THE COURT: Just a minute. He is right. I will go get the rule, and we will ask the question properly, and then we will put him in jail.

MR. SANDSTROM: Is that right? Then I move to disqualify you on your prejudice which is quite obvious.

Record, Vol. 1 at 136-141.

A short recess was taken, and then with the jury out of the courtroom, petitioner was adjudged in contempt and

sentenced to thirty days in jail.

THE COURT: Mr. Sandstrom, for ten years I have been practicing--I have been trying cases as a Criminal Court Judge, and for ten years you have had your nauseating effect upon this Court and every other court in this courthouse.

Your antics are designed to cause mistrials so that your clients don't go to trial. You have been doing that, and you did it the last time we went to trial a few months back, a couple months back, and you have done it again this time.

You are going to attack this Court until such time as the Court finally loses its patience and makes some statement which you are then going to take to the Appellate Court and have the Appellate Court hopefully reverse on.

Well, I am telling you I have had about enough of you, and enough of your

tactics.

Now I am telling you that you will either do the way I tell you to do in your interrogation in regard to transcripts or you are going to jail this afternoon.

MR. SANDSTROM: I am not going to alter my defense to buckle to the Court in such a manner that this defendant does not have his proper cross examination that he is lawfully entitled to.

THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Sandstrom, this is the last time.

Are you going to do the interrogation in a manner I tell you to do and then take it before the Appellate Court if you don't like the way I tell you to do it and the results are against your client, or are you going to refuse to do it the way I tell you to do?

MR. SANDSTROM: The Court is prevent-

ing me from examing him.

THE COURT: I am asking you which way you want to go.

MR. SANDSTROM: I cannot examine in the posture you put it.

THE COURT: I will put Mr. Edson back on the stand.

MR SANDSTROM: I cannot examine in the posture you have put it.

THE COURT: I find you in contempt of Court and sentence you to thirty days in jail.

Mr. Bailiff, take him to jail.

MR. SANDSTROM: I have the right to appeal.

THE COURT: You have a phone call in the jail to call your partner, Mr. Haddad. You are going to jail, Jr. Sandstrom.

MR. SANDSTROM: I have the right to supersedeas immediately as a matter of

right.

THE COURT: And this Court will be recessed until you decide to change your mind or until you take the matter before the Appellate Court.

MR. SANDSTROM: I ain't going to do that with you.

THE COURT: Take the defendant to jail. I will issue an order this afternoon.

This Court is recessed until such time that the defendant changes his mind.

(Thereupon, Mr. Sandstrom was removed from the courtroom.)

THE COURT: let's go into session for the purpose of instructing the bailiff what to do.

Mr. Nolan will be taken back to his cell. The other prisoners will be taken into the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Mr. Sandstrom will go to jail, and he will remain there until an appeal is

filed or a petition is filed by the Appellate Court, and this Court will stay in recess until such time as something happens, the Appellate Court orders me to go back to trial, declare a mistrial, release Mr. Sandstrom, or go on with the trial, whichever.

THE BAILIFF: This trial is in recess until further notice.

Record, Vol. 1 at 144-47.

The next day the judge declared a mistrial in the Nolan case. He also recused himself from further responsibilities in the matter, explaining that, "this Court feels that it can't give the defense--I should say the defendant--a fair trial." Record, Vol. 1 at 151. The judge's order denying petitioner's motion for supersedeas bond read as follows:

This Court found defendant guilty of

criminal contempt of court and refuses the person Ray Sandstrom supersedeas bond notwithstanding he meets the criteria of Younghams v. State, he is costing this state anticipated thousands of dollars by interfering with the proceedings of this court and preventing the completion of the trial.

Record, Vol. 11 at 467. The State District Court of Appeal later released petitioner on his own recognizance. Id.

PROCEEDINGS BELOW AND ISSUES ON APPEAL

Petitioner appealed the trial judge's adjudication of contempt to the State District Court of Appeal. That Court affirmed the judgment and sentence, see Sandstrom v. State, 402 So.2d 461 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981), and the Florida Supreme Court denied petitioner's application for certiorari. Petitioner then filed

for a writ of habeas corpus in federal district court, arguing that he had been denied due process because the trial judge who cited him for contempt had become personally embroiled with him. Following an evidentiary hearing and the district court's review of the record, that court concluded that the "state judge was emotionally entangled with the petitioner." Record, Vol. 11 at 463. The district court held that a denial of due process had occurred and granted the petition for habeas corpus.

On appeal, the State raises three issues. First, it contends that petitioner failed to exhaust his state court remedies, requiring a dismissal of his petition. Second, the State urges that the district court erred in not deferring the factual determinations made by the state appellate court. Finally, the

State argues the merits of the district court's determination. According to the State, the state trial judge committed no constitutional error by failing to defer adjudication and sentencing of the contempt to another judge.

EXHAUSTION

[1] The State claims that petitioner failed to put his constitutional claim of due process violation before the state courts. Instead, he presented only the facts upon which the violation was based. We note that in many cases the exhaustion issue indeed turns upon what the petitioner argues in the state courts. In these cases it is not enough that all the facts necessary to support the federal claim were before the state courts, or that a somewhat similar state law claim was made. Anderson v. Harless, 459 U.S. 4, 6 103 S.Ct. 276, 277, 74 L.Ed.2d 3

(1982). The habeas petitioner "must have 'fairly presented' to the state courts the 'substance' of his federal habeas corpus claim." Id.

In this case, however, the core of the exhaustion issue lies not in how petitioner's state court pleadings are to be interpreted. Instead, we must look to what the state courts actually considered. The State District Court of Appeal heard petitioner to raise two issues--i.e., that petitioner's conduct could not support a finding of contempt and that the trial judge should have disqualified himself from ruling on the contempt citation. Sandstrom v. State, supra, 402 So.2d at 463. Citing Mayberry Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971), as a "leading exposition on the subject of the disqualification of judges in contempt proceed-

ings,"[2] the state court read Mayberry to

2/ Under Florida law, all claims that a judge adjudicating contempt should disqualify himself or herself are now decided upon federal constitutional standards. Reviewing a trial court contempt citation in Scott v. Anderson, 405 So.2d 228, 233 (Fla. 1st DCA, 1981), the District Court of Appeal noted:

> The familiar axiom "a man should not be judge of his own case" is of ancient origin, but it has apparently not yet found its way into Florida law to the extent necessary to provide dintinct guidelines for deciding under what circumstances a judge must disqualify himself to adjudicate direct criminal contempt charges involving disrespect or criticism directed to that judge. Since the question is ultimately one of federal constitutional import, we must

> turn to and be guided by the federal decisions.

(emphasis added).

indicate that the trial judge in petitioner's case was not required to disqualify himself. 402 So.2d at 462-63. In Mayberry, the Supreme Court looked to the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment in deciding whether the defendant was entitled to a criminal contempt trial before a judge other than the one who was the target of the contumacious acts. 400 U.S. at 467, 91 S. Ct. at 505. The state court's reliance on Mayberry makes it clear that the court was aware of a federal constitutional basis for petitioner's claim and that the court actually considered federal constitutional law in deciding that claim. Cf. Booker v. Wainwright, 703 F.

2d 1251, 1256 (11th Cir.), cert.denied, ___ U.S. ___, 104 S.Ct. 290, 78 L.Ed.2d 266 (1983) (reliance on United States Supreme Court case indicated that the state court considered federal constitutional issue as well as state law issue).

This focus on what the state courts actually considered is consistent with the goals underlying the exhaustion requirement. It fully "protects the state courts' role in the enforcement of federal law and prevent[s] disruption of state judicial proceedings." See Thompson v. Wainwright, 714 F.2d 1495, 1504 (11th Cir. 1983). The Florida Court of Appeal not only had the "opportunity to pass" upon petitioner's claimed constitutional violation, see Rose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509, 518, 102 S.Ct. 1198, 1203, 71 L.Ed.2d 379 (1982), it actually did so. Exhaustion of the constitutional

issue raised in this appeal, therefore, is undeniable. There is no better evidence of exhaustion than a state court's actual consideration of the relevant constitutional issue.

DEFERENCE TO STATE COURT FINDINGS OF FACT

[2] The State contends that the federal district court erred in not deferring to the factual determinations made by the District Court of Appeal. Factual determinations made by a state court are entitled to a presumption of correctness. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d),[3] Sumner v.

3/ 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d) provides:

(d) in any proceeding instituted in a Federal court by an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court, a determination after a hearing on the merits of a factual issue,

fn 3 cont.
made by a State court of competent jurisdiction in a proceeding to which the applicant for the writ and the State or an officer or agent thereof were parties, evidenced by a written finding, written opinion, or other reliable and adequate written indicia, shall be presumed to be correct, unless the applicant shall establish or it shall otherwise appear, or the respondent shall admit--

(1) that the merits of the factual dispute were not resolved in the State court hearing;

(2) that the factfinding procedure employed by the State court was not adequate to afford a full and fair hearing;

(3) that the material facts were not adequately developed at the State court hearing;

(4) that the State court lacked jurisdiction of the subject matter or over

fn 3 cont.
the person of the applicant in the State court proceeding;

(5) that the applicant was an indigent and the State court, in deprivation of his constitutional right, failed to appoint counsel to represent him in the State court proceeding;

(6) that the applicant did not receive a full, fair, and adequate hearing in the State court proceeding; or

(7) that the applicant was otherwise denied due process of law in the State court proceeding;

(8) or unless that part of the record of the State court proceeding in which the determination of such factual issue was made, pertinent to a determination of the sufficiency of the evidence to support such factual determination is produced as provided for hereinafter, and the Federal court on a con-

sideration, of such part of the record as a whole concludes that such factual determination is not fairly supported by the record. And in an evidentiary hearing in the proceeding in the Federal court when due proof of such factual determination has been made, unless the existence of one or more of the circumstances respectively set forth in paragraphs numbered (1) to (7), inclusive, is shown by the applicant, otherwise appears, or is admitted by the respondent, or unless the court concludes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph numbered (8) that the record in the State court. proceeding, considered as a whole, does not fairly support such factual determination, the burden shall rest upon the applicant to establish by convincing evidence that the factual determination by the State court was erroneous.

Mata, 455 U.S. 591, 592, 102 S.Ct. 1303, 1304, 71 L.Ed.2d 480 (1982). Our examination of the State Court of Appeals opinion, however, reveals no particular finding of fact contradicted by the federal district court. Specifically, the state court made no findings regarding any preexisting hostility on the part of the trial judge towards the petitioner or concerning the judge's attitude towards petitioner during the Nolan trial. Rather, after reciting the "directly and personally embroiled" standard articulated in Mayberry, supra, 400 U.S. at 464-66, 91 S.Ct. at 504-05, the State Court concluded, "[o]ur review of the transcript convinces us that the judge was not required to disqualify himself herein." Sandstrom v. State, supra, 402 So. 2d at 463-64. This conclusion, that the facts of the case did not state a con-

stitutional violation, derives from a mixed question of law and fact. The statutory presumption of correctness in § 2254, therefore, does not apply. Sumner v. Mata, supra, 102 S.Ct. at 1307, n. 10; see also Grizzel v. Wainwright, 692 F.2d 722, 725 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, ___ U.S. ___, 103 S.Ct. 2129, 77 L.Ed.2d 1307 (1983).

AN IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL

Having found the State's initial two arguments to be without merit, we now reach its contention that the district court erred in holding that petitioner's due process right to an impartial tribunal has been violated. Citing Mayberry v.Pennsylvania, supra, 400 U.S. at 464-465, 91 S.Ct. at 504-505 and Farmer v. Strickland, 652 F.2d 427, 436 (5th Cir. 1981), cert.denied, 455 U.S. 944, 102 S. Ct. 1440, 71 L.Ed.2d 656 (1982),[4] the

4/ Mayberry and Farmer are discussed infra slip op at pp. 4762-4764, ___ F.2d at pp. ___ __ ___.

State urges that we base our ruling today on a notion of timing. The argument relies on the fact that the state trial judge in this case acted immediately after the contumacious act and during an ongoing trial. The State points out that such immediate action gives a judge the means to vindicate judicial authority and to maintain order. Under the State's approach, bias on the part of a trial judge could never require reversal of a contempt judgment if the contempt was adjudicated and sentence pronounced during an ongoing trial.

This argument is not a frivolous one. Maintenance of judicial authority and courtroom order are essential to the

proper functioning of the justice system. However, the State's resolution of the tension between contempt authority and the right to an unbiased tribunal seriously erodes the latter principle. Payment of such a high price is not necessary to preserve the courts' contempt authority. Moreover, a single-minded focus an authority and order to the necessary exclusion of due process serves neither value well. The inadequacies inherent in the State's position become apparent if the "contempt/biased tribunal" issue is viewed in a broader context -- i.e., as one of the multiple conflicts that arise between due process and the contempt power.

In placing the instant conflict in this broader setting, we will first discuss the function of the criminal contempt power. We will then analyze how the

Supreme Court has dealt with clashes between the contempt power and due process rights other than the right to an unbiased tribunal. With that background, we will look finally to how the Court has treated conflicts between the contempt power and the right to an unbiased tribunal and consider the specific arguments raised by the parties in this case.

A. The Function of Summary Criminal Contempt

The judicial power to punish through summary criminal contempt adjudication is a firmly established element in the operation of this country's courts.[5]

5/ Whether summary contempt authority is an inherent and necessary development in our legal system or is merely a historical accident is a matter of controversy. Blackstone advanced the former

theory, characterizing the power as derived from the "first principles of judicial establishments." and as "an inseparable attendant upon every superior tribunal." 4 Commentaries on the Laws of England 286. This position gained recognition from the Supreme Court in Ex Parte Terry, 128 U.S. 289, 302-03, 9 S. Ct. 77, 78-79, 32 L.Ed.405 (1888):

> [C]ourts of justice are universally acknowledged to be vested, by their very creation, with power to impose silence, respect, and decorum in their presence, and submission to their lawful mandates.
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> The power to punish from contempts is inherent in all courts. Its existence is essential to the preservation of order in judicial proceedings, and to the enforcement of the judgments, orders and writs of the courts;

fn 5 cont.

> and consequently to the due administration of justice. The moment the courts of the United States were called into existence and invested with jurisdiction over any subject, they became possessed of this power.
>
> As such is the recognized doctrine in reference to the powers of the courts of the several states.

(citations omitted).

Some modern academics and jurists have cast doubt on the inherent character of the contempt power, questioning whether it is essential to maintain courtroom order and respect for judicial authority. Specifically, commentators have disputed the length of the summary contempt power's historical roots. See Note, Taylor v. Hayes: A Case Study in the Use of the Summary Contempt Power Against the Trial Attorney, 63 Ky.L.J. 945, 948

fn 5 cont.
(1975); Comment, Counsel and Contempt: A Suggestion that the Summary Power Be Eliminated, 18 Duquesne L.Rev. 289 (1980). In his dissent in Green v. United States, 356 U.S. 165, 193-94, 78 S.Ct. 632, 648-49, 2 L.Ed.2d 672 (1958), Justice Black observed that, "this extraordinary authority slipped into the law as a very limited and insignificant thing." He referred to the power as "an anomaly in the law." Id.

The power to summarily hold an individual in direct[6] criminal contempt, operates to

6/ A historical dichotomy, based on where the contemptuous act occurs, exists within courts' contempt authority. Where the contemptous act occurs within a court's presence, punishment is by direct contempt. The more limited power

fn 6 cont.
of indirect contempt is used to punish acts outside the court's presence.

vindicate the authority of the court and stands as a bulwark against disorder and disruption in the courtroom. Moreover, summary adjudication and sentencing of contempts occupies a unique niche in our criminal justice system. Only in this kind of proceeding do the otherwise inconsistent functions of prosecutor, jury and judge mesh into a single individual. That one actor proceeds on his own knowledge of the facts "without further proof, and without issue on trial in any form." Ex parte Terry, supra, 128 U.S. at 309, 9 S.Ct. at 81 (1888).[7]

7/ See, Sedler, The Summary Contempt Power and the Constitution: The View from Without and Within, 51 NYU L.Rev.34(1976).

The Supreme Court has advanced dual justifications for bypassing procedures mandated by the Bill of Rights. First, because in a direct contempt the judge has observed the contemptuous act, there is "no need of evidence or assistance of counsel before punishment." Cooke v. United States, 267 U.S. 517, 534, 45 S. Ct. 390, 394, 69 L.Ed. 767 (1925). Second, the maintenance of courtroom decorum sometimes necessitates quick and forceful action. Id.[8] More recent Su-

8/ This justification has been characterized both in specific, pragmatic terms --"to suppress disturbance or violence or physical obstruction or disrespect to the court," ibid., and in more general, theoretical language--to vindicate "the majesty of the law, in its active manifestation," Offutt v. United States, 348

fn 8 cont.
U.S. 11, 14, 75 75 S.Ct. 11, 13, 99 L.Ed. 11 (1954), and to "maintain the dignity" of the court. Johnson v. Mississippi, 403 U.S. 212, 214, 91 S.Ct. 1778, 1779, 29 L.Ed.2d 423 (1971).

preme Court cases have placed less emphasis on the "efficiency", justification for summary adjudication. See e.g. Taylor v. Hayes, 418 U.S. 488, 94 S.Ct. 2697, 41 L.Ed.2d 897 (1974) (judge's observation of criminal act may obviate the need for a full-scale trial of a contemnor, but basic notice and hearing are still required); Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, 418 U.S. 506, 515-16, 94 S.Ct. 2687, 2692-93, 41 L.Ed.2d 912 (1974). However, resting mainly on the need to maintain courtroom order, summary contempt adjudication remains a viable judicial power where the "necessity of

circumstances" warrants. Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, supra, 418 U.S. at 515, 94 S.Ct. at 2692.

B. Conflicts of Values

[3] Despite the Supreme Court's acknowledgment of summary contempt authority as a necessary component in our justice system, the Court nevertheless has placed significant limits on the historically broad power. The inescapable clash between summary adjudications of contempt and basic due process rights has been explicitly recognized by the Court. See Offutt v. United States, supra, 348 U.S. at 14, 75 S.Ct. at 13. Reciting a list of cases in which appellate courts have found abuse of the contempt power, Justice White, in Bloom v. Illinois, 391 U.S. 194, 207, 88 S.Ct. 1477, 1485, 20 L.Ed.2d 522 (1968), cautioned against "vesting the judiciary with completely

untrammeled power to punish contempt." Indeed, it is well established that the contempt power carries with it a great potential for abuse; its exercise must be delicate and care should be taken to avoid arbitrary or oppressive results. Id. at 202, 88 S.Ct. at 1482. See also Cooke v. United States, supra, 267 U.S. at 539, 45 S.Ct. at 395; Sacher v. United States, 343 U.S. 1, 8, 72 S.Ct. 451, 454, 96 L.Ed.717 (1952).

Supreme Court decisions regarding the proper scope of summary contempt authority have been based upon a balancing of values. When the issue has arisen, the Court has weighed the specific due process right implicated in the circumstances of the case against the accepted justifications for summary contempt proceedings. Should the value of process weigh more heavily than the need

for summary procedures, the Court has moved to protect accused contemnors and to correspondingly limit the contempt power. Should the value of process weigh less heavily in the circumstances of the case, the Court has refused to place additional limitations on contempt authority.

1. Vindication of Due Process

Bloom v. Illinois, supra, 391 U.S. at 198-200, 88 S.Ct. at 1480-1481, held that a punishment of two years imprisonment could not be imposed without granting the accused contemnor a jury trial to determine guilt or innocence. In establishing the right to a jury trial for "serious" contempts, the Court found that values inherent in the right to a jury trial outweighed both the "courtroom decorum" and "efficiency" justifications for summary adjudication. The Court

stated that, "when serious punishment for contempt is contemplated, rejecting a demand for a jury trial cannot be squared with the Constitution or justified by considerations of efficiency or the desirability of vindicating the authority of the Court." Id. at 208-09, 88 S.Ct. at 1485-1486.

Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, supra, 418 U.S. at 516-17, 94 S.Ct. at 2693-94 (1974) carried forth the logic of Bloom in extending the accused contemnor's right to a jury trial. This case involved two defendants who, after the conclusion of their trial on other criminal charges, had been convicted and sentenced on several counts of contempt. No single contempt conviction carried more than six months imprisonment, but when the consecutive sentences were aggregated each defendant had to serve ap-

proximately three years. The Court reversed the defendants' convictions based on deprivation of the opportunity for a jury trial. In the circumstances of posttrial contempt convictions, the "deep commitment of the Nation to the right of a jury trial in serious criminal cases" was found to override any justification for summary procedures. Ibid.

Similarly, Taylor v. Hayes, supra, 418 U.S. at 498-501, 94 S.Ct. at 2703-2704, held that an accused's right to notice and hearing must be observed when judgment and sentencing of the contempt are postponed until after the proceeding in which the contemptuous act occurred. The Court found that the justification of maintaining courtroom order is not nearly so compelling when final adjudication and sentencing take place after

trial. With respect to the efficiency justification, Justice White wrote that he was not persuaded that the additional time and expense involved in notice and hearing justified depriving a contemnor of these elementary due process protections. Id. at 501, 94 S.Ct. at 2704.

2. Vindication of the Contempt Power

In other circumstances involving different due process rights, the balance between the values of procedural protections and the need for summary contempt adjudication has produced a different result. Taylor v. Hayes, supra, while establishing a right to notice and hearing in posttrial contempt adjudications, noted that a full-scale trial was not appropriate. 418 U.S. at 500, 94 S. Ct. at 2704. The Court relied on the efficiency justification, observing that the contemptuous act has usually occu-

rred before the judges own eyes and that a reporter's transcript is available. Ibid.

In Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, supra, 418 U.S. at 514, 94 S.Ct. at 2692, the Court refused to extend the right to a jury trial beyond "serious" contempts adjudicated and sentenced posttrial. The right to a jury trial does not counterbalance the need for courtroom order when a judge summarily adjudicates and punishes petty contempts during trial--even if the punishment imposed for the separate contemptuous acts exceeds six months. Id. Justice White explained by citing the "[need] to maintain order in the courtroom" and the "integrity of the trial process in the face of an 'actual obstruction of justice.'"

3. The Need for Courtroom Order as a Factor in Resolving Conflicts

Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, Taylor v. Hayes and Bloom v. Illinois are instructive with regard to the issue before us in this case. From these cases it is apparent that the need to maintain courtroom order has often been the central factor in Supreme Court resolutions of conflicts between due process and the contempt power. The right to notice and hearing established in Taylor v. Hayes, and the jury trial right established in Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, both hinged upon reasoning that the need to maintain courtroom order is much less when the judge postpones adjudication and sentencing of the contempt until after trial.

Despite the Court's emphasis on the importance of maintaining courtroom order the factor has not been an absolute in relevant Supreme Court decisions. Bloom

v. Illinois held that the right to a jury trial for "serious" contempts prevails over the need for immediate action in restoring courtroom order.

We cannot say that the need to further respect for judges and courts is entitled to more consideration than the interest of the individual not to be subjected to serious criminal punishment without the benefit of all the procedural protections worked out carefully over the years and deemed fundamental to our system of justice. Genuine respect, which alone can lend true dignity to our judicial establishment, will be engendered, not by the fear of unlimited authority, but by the firm administration of the law through those institutionalized procedures which have been worked out over the centuries.

We place little credence in the notion that the independence of the judiciary hangs on the power to try contempts summarily.

391 U.S. at 208, 88 S.Ct. at 1486. Conflicts between the contempt power and due process concerning issues other than the right to an unbiased tribunal cannot necessarily be resolved by looking only to the need for judicial authority. With this in mind, we now turn to the specific conflict at issue in this case.[9]

9/ Although the Supreme Court decided Bloom before Codispoti and Taylor v. Hayes, the Court has never questioned the holding or reasoning of Bloom. In fact, both Codispoti, 418 U.S. at 512, 515, 94 S.Ct. at 2691, 2692, and Taylor v. Hayes, 418 U.S. at 497, 501, 94 S.Ct. at 2702, 2704, relied upon Bloom.

C. Bias Versus the Need for Authority

Adjudication before a neutral and unbiased tribunal stands as one of the most fundamental of due process rights. The Supreme Court has observed,

> The Due Process Clause entitled a person to an impartial and disinterested tribunal in both civil and criminal cases. This requirement of neutrality in adjudicative proceedings safeguards the two central concerns of procedural due process, the prevention of unjustified or mistaken deprivations and the promotion of participation and dialogue by affected individuals in the decisionmaking process. The neutrality requirement helps to guarantee that life, liberty, or property will not be taken on the basis of an erroneous or distorted conception of the facts or the law. At the same time, it preserves both the

> the appearance and reality of fairness, "generating the feeling so important to a popular government, that justice has been done," by ensuring that no person will be deprived of his interests in the absence of a proceeding in which he may present his case with assurance that the arbiter is not predisposed to find against him.
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> The requirement of neutrality has been jealously guarded by this Court. (citations omitted) Marshall v. Jerrico, Inc. 446 U.S. 238, 243, 100 S.Ct. 1610, 1613, 64 L.Ed.2d 182 (1980). The Court has also long recognized that, as with other due process values, use of the summary contempt power can seriously compromise the right to an unbiased tribunal. See e.g., Cooke v. United States, supra, 267 U.S. at 539, 45 S.Ct. at 395; Offutt v. United States, supra, 348 U.S.

at 14, 75 S.Ct. at 13; Bloom v. Illinois, supra, 391 U.S. at 202, 88 S.Ct. at 1482.

Offutt, supra, 348 U.S. at 12, 75 S.Ct. at 12, vindicated the right of a contemnor to an unbiased tribunal. In Offutt, supra, 348 U.S. at 12, 75 S.Ct. at 12, the trial judge had made twelve findings of contempt against an attorney. Those findings came at the close of the trial in which the contemptuous acts occurred. In reversing the contempt citations, the Supreme Court observed that while sitting in judgment on a misbehaving lawyer, "a judge should not himself give vent to personal spleen or respond to a personal grievance." Id. at 14, 75 S.Ct. at 13. The Court voiced its agreement with the Court of Appeals that the record demonstrated "bias and a lack of partiality."

Id. at 16, 75 S.Ct. at 14.

[4] In Mayberry, supra, the Court again moved to preserve the right to an unbiased tribunal in criminal contempt proceedings. As in Offutt, contempt convictions rendered at the conclusion of a trial fell before a claim of judicial prejudice. Stressing that the defendant had made personal verbal attacks against the trial judge, the Court held that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment required that contempt proceedings be held before a "judge other than the one reviled by the contemnor." Justice Douglas, writing for the Court, qualified the holding, however.

Generalizations are difficult. Instant treatment of contempt where lawyers are involved may greatly prejudice their clients but it may be the

only wise course where others are involved. Moreover, we do not say that the more vicious the attack on the judge the less qualified he is to act. A judge cannot be driven out of a case. Where, however, he does not act the instant the contempt is committed, but waits until the end of the trial, on balance, it is generally wise where the marks of the unseemly conduct have left personal stings to ask a fellow judge to take his place.

400 U.S. at 463-64, 91 S.Ct. at 504. He further noted that the trial judge in that case "could, with propriety, have instantly acted, holding petitioner in contempt...." Thus, just as in other areas where due process collides with the contempt power, the timing of the judge's action constitutes an important guideline for resolving the conflict be-

tween the contempt power and the right to an unbiased tribunal.

We do not, however, view Mayberry and its emphasis on timing as establishing a rule for all claims of bias in contempt proceedings. The Court itself noted that the Mayberry facts differed from those in other cases involving bias in contempt judgments. Unlike the judge in Offutt the judge in Mayberry "was not an activist seeking combat." Id. at 465, 91 S. Ct. at 505. Indicia of prejudice that led the Offutt Court to conclude that the judge harbored actual bias did not exist in Mayberry. Rather, the highly personal aspersions leveled at the Mayberry trial judge carried "such a potential for bias as to require disqualification." Id. at 466-67, 91 S.Ct. at 505 (emphasis supplied) (distinguishing the case from Ungar v. Sarafite, 376 U.S.

575, 84 S.Ct. 841, 11 L.Ed.2d 921 (1964). The Mayberry Court stated that, "[n]o one so cruelly slandered its likely to maintain that calm detachment necessary for fair adjudication." 400 U.S. at 465, 91 S.Ct. at 505. The Court's decision did not turn on proof of actual bias, but instead centered around a "presumption" of bias. See United States v. Meyer, 462 F.2d 827, 842 (D.C. Cir.1972).

Weighing the danger of bias against the need for summary procedures when judgment comes at the end of trial, the Mayberry Court found the right to an unbiased tribunal overriding. It established the following relatively narrow prophylactic rule: a judge, the target of extreme insolence, vilification and insult, must pass contempt proceedings to another judge if the original judge does not adjudicate and punish the con-

temptuous act during trial. An equally narrow corollary to that rule also emerged from the case: "when bias is presumed solely from the contemnor's personal attacks on the judge, this potential bias does not overcome the need for judicial authority to maintain courtroom order."[10]

10/ Taylor v. Hayes, supra, 448 U.S. at 504, 94 S.Ct. at 2706, also held that a defendant, convicted of contempt after trial for acts committed during trial, was entitled to be tried by a judge other than the one who witnessed the contempt. This case emphasized that the "likelihood of bias or appearance of bias," could create the need for an outside judge to preside over a contempt charge. Id. at 502, 94 S.Ct. at 2705. In that respect--by its emphasis

fn 10 cont.
on the appearance of bias rather than actual bias--Taylor closely parellels Mayberry. Taylor also represents an extension of Mayberry, however, in its focus on indicia of bias other than the defendant's abusive remarks. the Court stated that the critical factor in the record was the character of the judge's response to misbehavior during the trial. Id. at 504 n. 10, 94 S.Ct. at 2706 n.10. See also Johnson v. Mississippi, supra, 403 U.S. at 216, 91 S.Ct. at 1780 (1971) (judge's intemperate remarks and fact that he was a losing party in a suit involving the contemnor required contempt hearing before another judge).

[5] The State in this case argues that this latter corollary establishes a rule applicable to all claims of bias in

punishing contempt. Under the State's reasoning, an allegation of bias could never justify reversal if the judge acted during trial in adjudicating and sentencing the contempt. In support of this reasoning the State cites Farmer v. Strickland, supra, 652 F.2d at 436-39, where a Georgia court's use of summary contempt proceedings was upheld. In that case the habeas petitioner claimed a due process violation because, inter alia, the judge who was the target of the contumacious conduct also adjudicated and sentenced the contempt. In ruling against the bias claim the Farmer Court explicitly considered Mayberry's emphasis on whether punishment for contempt occurs during or after trial. The facts underlying the bias claim closely parelleled those in Mayberry; the claim of prejudice rested al-

most totally on the contemnor's conduct towards the judge. The Farmer Court, in fact, observed that "the judge did not demonstrate any bias towards the petitioner's conduct." 652 F.2d at 439. Given evidence that established at most some potential for bias, the Circuit Court applied Mayberry's corollary regarding the appropriateness of instant action to maintain order. Farmer, therefore, represents only an application of Mayberry and not an extension. It does not establish the need to maintain courtroom order as the only relevant value, the consideration of which resolves all claims of judicial bias.

We decline to take such a step today. Our earlier analysis revealed that the need to maintain courtroom order is not an absolute in all clashes between due process and the contempt power. See

supra slip op. at 4761, ___ F.2d at ___ __ ___. Similarly, we do not view the "courtroom decorum" justification for summary procedures as conclusive in all contempt cases involving the right to an impartial tribunal. Although the Supreme Court has never, based on judicial bias, reversed a contempt conviction rendered during trial, the Court has never indicated that immediate action on a contempt precludes a reversal for bias. Moreover, despite numerous opportunities to do so the Eleventh Circuit and the predecessor Fifth have never held the need for courtroom order to be solely determinative in allegations of judicial bias. In cases upholding contempt convictions rendered during ongoing judicial proceedings against bias claims, the Court has repeatedly inquired into the existence of personal embroilment.

See Farmer v. STrickland, supra, 652 F. 2d at 437-39; see also Howell v. Jones, 516 F.2d 53, 59 (5th Cir. 1975). cert. denied, 424 U.S. 916, 96 S.Ct. 1116, 47 L.Ed.2d 321 (1976); Theriault v. United States, 481 F.2d 1193, 1196 (5th Cir.), cert.denied, 414 U.S. 1114, 94 S.Ct. 847, 38 L.Ed.2d 742 and sub nom. Theriault v. Mobile City Jail, 414 U.S. 1115, 94 S.Ct. 847, 38 L.Ed.2d 742 (1973).

[6] The circumstances of the instant case are very different from those in Mayberry or in Farmer. The record in this case is replete with evidence that the trial judge had a pre-existing and very strongly held dislike for the petitioner. At different points during the trial, the judge referred to the petitioner as "rude and nasty," and as "acting like an animal," the judge repetedly said he was "sick of" the petiti-

oner. He referred to petitioner's law partner as a "little creep," and said that he was "sick of" him. Shortly before finding petitioner guilty of contempt and sentencing him, the trial judge said that for ten years the petitioner had had a "nauseating effect" upon him and every other court in the courthouse. We find it especially significant that the judge himself felt compelled, apparently because of his feelings toward the petitioner, to recuse himself from any further proceedings involving petitioner's client. He said, "this Court feels that it can't give the defense--I should say the defendant-- a fair trial." The trial judge had such contempt for petitioner that the judge was incapable of representing the impersonal authority of law necessary for fair adjudication. Offutt v. United States,

supra, 348 U.S. at 16, 75 S.Ct. at 14. Based on the record we feel firmly convinced that the trial judge was severely prejudiced against petitioner.

Although the trial judge adjudicated and sentenced the contempt during the trial, his doing so clearly denied petitioner an unbiased tribunal. While we must keep in sight the need for order in the courtroom, we must at the same time see that the constitutional rights of a defendant accused of contempt are not disordered or ignored. Under the circumstances of this case the right to an unbiased tribunal outweights countervailing values.[11] Our approval of a con-

11/ In the many cases where the trial judge acts immediately after the contumacious conduct, the need to restore and maintain courtroom order is an ob-

fn 11 cont.
vious concern. Despite the fact that the trial judge acted during trial in this case, other circumstances make that concern less compelling than usual. Codispoti v. Pennsylvania, 418 U.S. at 518, 94 S.Ct. at 2694, suggests that appellate courts should look to the particular facts in each case to determine if a summary contempt conviction during trial was warranted. Examination of the facts here leads us to conclude that punishing the petitioner was as much a motive for the contempt citation was restoring courtroom order. After sentencing appellant, the judge said the following:

Mr. Sandstrom will go to jail, and he will remain there until an appeal is filed or a petition is filed by the Appellate Court, and this Court will stay in recess until such time as something

fn 11 cont.
happens, the Appellate Court orders me to go back to trial, declare a mistrial, release Mr. Sandstrom, or go on with the trial, whichever.

Record, Vol. 1 at 307. We do not hold that the judge's decision to immediately jail the petitioner was necessarily an inappropriate response to petitioner's behavior. The judge's decision means only that the value of restoring order in an ongoing judicial proceeding weighs more lightly than it otherwise might.

Similarly, our holding today is not in any way an approval of petitioner's conduct; it is not an indication that this Court will allow a judge to be driven out of a case by unscrupulous attorneys or litigants. When a judge's comments and behavior reflect a strong bias against a party over whom he sits in judgment, the judge drives himself out

fn 11 cont.
of the case.

tempt conviction, where the presiding judge was obviously prejudiced against the contemnor, would weaken rather than strengthen the dignity of the courts. Where a contemnor claims on appeal that he was deprived of the right to an impartial tribunal, the reviewing Court must examine the record for indications of serious bias--bias that would prevent the fair administration of justice. If after examining the record, the reviewing court forms a definite and firm[12]

12/ Cf. United States v. Gypsum Co., 333 U.S. 364, 395, 68 S.Ct. 525, 542, 92 L.Ed. 746 (1948) (establishing "definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed" as prevailing standard for clearly erroneous" review);

fn 12 cont.
Jellibeans, Inc. v. Skating Clubs of Georgia, Inc., 716 F.2d 833, 840 (11th Cir. 1983).

conviction that the presiding judge harbored such bias towards the contemnor, the contempt convictions must be overturned. Cf. Hamn v. Members of the Board of Regents of the State of Florida, 708 F.2d 647, 651 (11th Cir. 1983) (judge's remarks may demonstrate such pervasive bias and prejudice as to require reversal of civil judgment). Because we have reached such a conclusion in this case, we affirm the district court's grant of the petition for habeas corpus; any further proceedings on the contempt charge must be conducted before a judge other than the one who originally adjudicated and sentenced the contempt.

AFFIRMED.

TJOFLAT, Circuit Judge, dissenting:

The majority finds that Sandstrom's claim that the judge cited and sentenced him for contempt in violation of the federal constitution was exhausted in the state courts. They do so on the theory that, while Sandstrom did not raise his federal constitutional claim during his contempt proceedings or in his direct appeal from those proceedings, the state appellate court reached out and addressed it in its dispositive opinion. I do not agree that its opinion can reasonably be read as addressing the federal constitutional claim Sandstrom now presents; accordingly, I dissent.

The majority determines that the Florida District Court of Appeal decided Sandstrom's fourteenth amendment due process claim because the court alluded to a U.S. Supreme Court case discussing

the federal constitutional standard for disqualification of a judge as presenting the relevant case law. The majority relies on Booker v. Wainwright, 703 F.2d 1251 (11th Cir. 1983), as indicating that where a state court cites a federal case articulating a federal constitutional rule, without describing that rule as analogous to the relevant state law rule, the state court is deemed to have addressed the state law rule in addition to the federal constitutional rule. In Booker, however, one key fact was present that rendered the above proposition reasonable; in that case, the petitioner had raised the federal constitutional claim, as well as the state law claim, in his brief before the state court. Thus, the federal court could conclude that the state court had ruled on the

claims presented to it.

Here, petitioner never pointed out to the Florida District Court of Appeal that he was presenting a federal constitutional claim. It is therefore just as likely that that court, in quoting from Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971), was only articulating a state rule, i.e., adopting its view of the federal constitutional standard as the state rule on judge disqualifications.

The exhaustion requirement is vital to the integrity of the judicial system. See Rose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509, 102 S. Ct. 1198, 71 L.Ed.2d 379 (1982); Darden v. Wainwright, 725 F.2d 1526, 1533 (11th Cir. 1984) (Tjoflat, J. dissenting). In a case like this one, where the petitioner has not "fairly presented" the substance of his federal habeas corpus

claim to the state courts, see Anderson v. Harless, 459 U.S. 4, 103 S.Ct. 276, 74 L.Ed.2d 3 (1982), and the state courts have not unequivocally indicated that petitioner has presented such a claim, the importance of enforcing the policies behind the exhaustion requirement should militate against finding the asserted federal claim to have been exhausted.

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PETITION FOR REHEARING BY THE PANEL

COME NOW Respondents/Appellants, and make this their Petition for Rehearing and in support therefor state:

1. Petitioner/Appellee had not exhausted his state remedies prior to filing his petition for writ of habeas corpus. Accordingly, his petition should have been denied by the United States District Court. Anderson v. Harless, 459 U.S. 4, 103 S.Ct. 276, 74

L.Ed.2d 3 (1982). This Court was in error in holding that the substance of Petitioner's federal habeas corpus claim had been presented to the state court in his direct appeal.

2. This Court erred in holding that the presumption of correctness of the state court's ruling found in §2254(d) did not apply to the mixed question of law and fact that the facts of the case did not state a constitutional violation. See Patterson v. Cuyler, 729 F.2d 925 (3d Cir. 1984), which held that the presumption of correctness did hold true for mixed questions of law and fact in habeas corpus proceedings. Respondents maintain that the presumption of correctness was applicable in the instant case.

3. This Court erred in finding that Petitioner was denied an impartial tribunal. The state trial court properly

exercised its contempt power. Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971); Farmer v. Strickland, 652 F.2d 427, 436 (5th Cir. 1981), cert.denied 455 U.S. 944, 102 S. Ct. 1440, 71 L.Ed.2d 656 (1982). The state trial dourt judge did not act on a pre-existing dislike for Petitioner, but on the Petitioner's then-present conduct. Moreover, at no time did Petitioner move to recuse the state trial court judge, as was his proper remedy.

WHEREFORE, Respondents/Appellants respectfully request that this Court GRANT their Petition for Rehearing.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Petition for Rehearing by the Panel has been furnished, by United States Mail, to RAY SANDSTROM, ESQUIRE, Sandstrom & Haddad, 429 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, this 24th day of August, 1984.

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ON PETITION FOR REHEARING

Before TJOFLAT, CLARK and GOLDBERG*, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for rehearing filed in the above entitled and numbered cause be and the same is hereby DENIED. Judge Tjoflat would grant the

petition for the reasons set forth in his dissenting opinion, ___ F.2d at ___, Sandstrom v. Butterworth, No. 83-5431, slip op. at 4749, 4766 (11th Cir. Aug. 13, 1984).

ENTERED FOR THE COURT:

/s/ Gerald B. Tjoflat
United States Circuit Judge

*Honorable Irving L. Goldberg, U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, sitting by designation.

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Petitioner,

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COUNTERSTATEMENT OF THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Although Respondent submits that this case is not a proper case for certiorari, and would re-phrase the questions presented for review as follows:

(1) Should certiorari be granted upon a claim of failure to exhaust state remedy prior to a Title 18 USC §2254 action where the appeals court correctly and logically applied the rulings in *Anderson v. Harless,* 459 U.S. 4 (1982) and *Rose v. Lundy,* 455 U.S. 509 (1982)?

(2) Should certiorari be granted to review and reverse a decision of the court of appeals which holds that a contempt adjudicated against an attorney in an ongoing trial is subject to review and reversal if the judge who adjudicated the contempt was in fact severely prejudiced against the attorney where the decision adhered to the considerations expressed in *Offutt v. United States,* 348 U.S. 11 (1954)?

LIST OF PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING

The parties to this proceeding in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit were as follows:

Robert Butterworth, Sheriff
and
State of Florida ..... Appellants

Ray Sandstrom ..... Appellee

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OPINIONS BELOW

The Petitioner correctly cites this case as it appeared in the District Court of Appeals of Florida, Fourth District [*Sandstrom v. State,* 402 So.2d 461 (Fla 4th DCA 1981)] and correctly cites the denial of discretionate re-

view of that decision by the Supreme Court of Florida [*Sandstrom v. State,* 412 So.2d 470 (Fla 1982)]. However, the Petitioner *incorrectly* cites the decision of the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, which the Petitioner seeks to review through certiorari. The correct citation is *Sandstrom v. Butterworth,* 738 F.2d 1200 (11th Cir. 1984), the Petitioner erroneously cites the Federal Second Reporter volume as *438* rather than *738*. The opinion below failed to include the decision of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, which was the matter reviewed by appeal by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit which is sought to be reviewed by certiorari. That opinion appears in Appendix hereto.

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JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

The Respondent accepts the jurisdictional statement as proposed by Petitioner. However, Respondent submits this is not a proper case for the granting of certiorari.

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FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION INVOLVED

The Respondent accepts the matter as postulated by the Petitioner under this heading.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Respondent cannot accept the statement of the case as posed by the Petitioner for the reasons set forth hereinbelow.

The Petitioner asserts the Respondent, as Appellant, appealed to the state appellate court[1] "* * * on the basis that the facts and procedures used by the trial court did not support a valid judgment of direct criminal contempt under state law."[2] However, the District Court of Appeals involved said the Respondent, as the Appellant therein, posed differently, that is:

> "On appeal, it is asserted that *the trial judge should have disqualified himself and* that the conduct of appellant was such that a finding of contempt constituted an abuse of discretion. We reject *both* arguments." (Emphasis added).[3]

Contrary to the recitation of the Petitioner that:

> "The appellate court made the finding that the review of the facts indicated the trial judge was not required to disqualify himself."[4]

The state appellate court said:

> "Here, the trial judge chose to act immediately rather than waiting till the conclusion of the trial. This was proper and required because counsel would not proceed in accordance with the court's directions. In accordance with the *Mayberry* decision, instant and immediate punishment for contempt militates against

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1. District Court of Appeals, Fourth District.
2. Petition for Writ of Certiorari, p.4.
3. 402 So.2d 461 at 463.
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disqualification. Our review of the transcript convinces us that the judge was not required to disqualify himself."[5]

The state appeals court refused to reach the issue of the prejudice of the judge and whether it was of such proportion as to compel his recusal. That court merely construed the federal authorities it relied upon[6] as holding a judge (regardless of his prejudice) is not required to recuse himself so long as he adjudicates a purported contempt against an attorney during the course of trial; that only if that judge waits until the conclusion of trial is he compelled to disqualify himself for his prejudice.

The United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, having considered the record of the proceedings, the opinion of the appeals court and further having conducted an evidentiary hearing, ruled in the favor of the Respondent herein as the Petitioner in a Title 28 USC §2254 habeas corpus proceeding and discharged this Respondent subject to the State of Florida providing Respondent a new hearing upon the issue of contempt before another judge other than the one who adjudged Respondent guilty of contempt since the judge was disqualified by reason of prejudice through personal embroilment with the Respondent.[7] The Petitioner urged a failure to exhaust state remedies in the district court as well as before

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5. 402 So.2d 461 at 464.

6. Principally the cases of *Mayberry v. Pennsylvania*, 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971); and (as cited therein) *Ungar v. Sarafite*, 376 U.S. 575, 84 S.Ct. 841, 11 L.Ed.2d 921 (1964).

7. The opinion of the United States District Court appears in the Appendix hereto, pages A.1-12.

the circuit court below. Each of those courts ruled adversely to the Petitioner on that issue.

The United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit found and ruled[8] (as the district court) that the judge who adjudicated the Respondent herein to be in contempt to be "severely prejudiced"[9] against the Respondent and so personally embroiled that such prejudice precluded his adjudicating the issue of contempt against the Respondent. That notwithstanding the adjudication occurred during trial the "right to an unbiased tribunal outweighs countervailing values"[10] a fair trial and due process are mandated. Additionally, as noted by the United States Court of Appeals, it found the state court of appeals

> "* * * not only had the 'opportunity to pass' upon petitioner's claimed constitutional violation, see *Rose v. Lundy*, 455 U.S. 509, 518, 102 S.Ct. 1198, 1203, 71 L.Ed.2d 379 (1982), it actually did so. Exhaustion of the constitutional issue raised in this appeal, therefore, is undeniable."[11]

REASONS FOR NOT GRANTING THE WRIT

The Petitioner has asserted in each step of the federal proceedings of this case that the Respondent has failed to exhaust his state court remedies, requiring a dismissal

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8. *Sandstrom v. Butterworth*, 738 F.2d 1200 (11th Cir. 1984).
9. Id. at p.1214.
10. Id. at p.1214.
11. Id. at p.1206.

of the same. Each federal court thus far has found contrarily to such contention. Addressing this issue the court of appeals noted

> "The habeas petitioner 'must have "fairly presented" to the state courts the "substance" of his federal habeas corpus claim.'
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> In this case, however, the core of the exhaustion issue lies not in how petitioner's state court pleadings are to be interpreted. Instead, we must look to what the state courts actually considered. The State District Court of Appeal heard petitioner to raise two issues—i.e., that petitioner's conduct could not support a finding of contempt and that the trial judge should have disqualified himself from ruling on the contempt citation. *Sandstrom v. State*, supra, 402 So. 2d at 463."[12]

The court immediately below footnoted[13]

> "Under Florida law, all claims that a judge adjudicating contempt should disqualify himself or herself are now decided upon federal constitutional standards. Reviewing a trial court contempt citation in *Scott v. Anderson*, 405 So.2d 228, 233 (Fla. 1st DCA 1981) the District Court of Appeals noted:
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> The familiar axion 'a man should not be judge of his own case' is of ancient origin, but it has apparently not yet found its way into Florida law to the extent necessary to provide distinct guidelines for deciding under what circumstances a judge must disqualify himself to adjudicate direct criminal contempt charges involving disrespect or criticism directed to that judge. *Since the question is ultimately one of federal constitutional import, we must turn to and be guided by the federal decisions.* (emphasis added)."

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12. Id., at p.1206.

13. Id., footnote 2 at p.1206.

The court noted the state court to have interpreted *Mayberry*[14] to indicate that the trial judge in this Respondent's instance was not required to disqualify himself.[15] This is not a finding of *fact* to which the federal court might need defer; it is at best a mixed question of law and fact which the federal courts are at liberty to determine.[16]

As noted by the court below:

> "Factual determination made by a state court are entitled to a presumption of correctness. *See* 28 U.S. C. § 2254(d), *Sumner v. Mata*, 455 U.S. 591, 592, 102 S.Ct. 1303, 71 L.Ed.2d 480 (1982). Our examination of the State Court of Appeals opinion, however, reveals no particular finding of fact contradicted by the federal district court. Specifically, the state court made no findings regarding any preexisting hostility on the part of the trial judge towards the petitioner or concerning the judge's attitude towards petitioner during the *Nolan* trial. Rather, after reciting the 'directly and personally embroilled' standard articulated in *Mayberry, supra*, 400 U.S. at 464-466, 91 S.Ct. at 504-505, the State Court concluded, '[o]ur review of the transcript convinces us that the judge was not required to disqualify himself herein.'"[17]

Thusly, it is patently established that the Respondent herein did not only present the state court with the federal constitutional question but also that in considering the ruling of that court, the United States District Court below properly recognized factual resolves in accord with

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14. Citation appears in footnote 5, *supra*.

15. *Sandstrom v. Butterworth*, 738 F.2d 1200, at p.1206.

16. *Sumner v. Mata*, 455 U.S. 591, 102 S.Ct. 1303, 71 L.Ed.2d 480 (1982).

17. *Sandstrom v. Butterworth*, supra, at p.1207.

the state. The appeals court below painstakingly made it clear through their decision that the actions of the lower federal court in the habeas proceeding which they had under consideration, were appropriate and accorded with the authorities.

The court below recognized the posture of the State of Florida, through its Petitioner herein, that is:

> "Under the State's approach, bias on the part of a trial judge could never require reversal of a contempt judgment if the contempt was adjudicated and sentence pronounced during an ongoing trial."[18]

Clearly, the true issue in the final analysis resolves itself into the matter quoted immediately hereinabove. The state appeals court determined that regardless of the presence and regardless of the degree of prejudice of a trial judge against an attorney appearing before him in an ongoing trial, that judge could adjudge the contempt and pronounce sentence if he did so *during* the ongoing trial. The federal appeals court like the federal trial court, on the contrary, determined that each case must be resolved upon its own facts and that where, as in the instant case the judge has and exhibits a "pre-existing and very strongly held dislike for the [alleged contemnor-attorney]"[19] and exhibits the same in the ongoing trial on numerous occasions prior to adjudicating the contempt,

> "The trial judge had such contempt for the [Respondent herein] that the judge was incapable of representing the impersonal authority of law necessary for fair adjudication."[20]

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18. Id., at p. 1208.

19. Id., at p.1213.

20. Id., at p.1214.

Therefore, the court below resolved:

> "Where a contemnor claims on appeal that he was deprived of the right to an impartial tribunal, the reviewing Court must examine the record for indications of serious bias—bias that would prevent the fair administration of justice. If after examining the record, the reviewing court forms a definite and firm conviction that the presiding judge harbored such bias toward the contemnor, the contempt conviction must be overturned."[21]

The federal appeals court predicated its decision upon numerous, landmark decisions of this court, such as: *Offutt v. United States,* 348 U.S. 16, 75 S.Ct. 11, 99 L.Ed. 11 (1954); *Mayberry v. Pennsylvania,* 400 U.S. 455, 91 S.Ct. 499, 27 L.Ed.2d 532 (1971); *Marshall v. Jerrico, Inc.,* 446 U.S. 238, 100 S.Ct. 1610, 64 L.Ed.2d 182 (1980); *Taylor v. Hayes,* 418 U.S. 488, 94 S.Ct. 2697, 41 L.Ed.2d 897 (1974); *Codispoti v. Pennsylvania,* 418 U.S. 506, 94 S.Ct. 2687, 41 L.Ed.2d 912 (1974); *Bloom v. Illinois,* 391 U.S. 194, 88 S. Ct. 1477, 20 L.Ed.2d 522 (1968); *Sacher v. United States,* 343 U.S. 1, 72 S.Ct. 451, 96 L.Ed. 717 (1952); and *Cooke v. United States,* 267 U.S. 517, 45 S.Ct. 390, 60 L.Ed. 767 (1925). And, upon numerous of its own prior decisions, such as: *Farmer v. Strickland,* 652 F.2d 427 (5th Cir. 1981); *Howell v. Jones,* 516 F.2d 53 (5th Cir. 1975), *cert. denied,* 424 U.S. 916, 96 S.Ct. 1116, 47 L.Ed.2d 321 (1976); *Theriault v. United States,* 481 F.2d 1193 (5th Cir. 1972), *cert. denied,* 414 U.S. 1114, 94 S.Ct. 847, 38 L.Ed.2d 742 *and sub nom. Theriault v. Mobile City Jail,* 414 U.S. 1115, 94 S.Ct. 847, 38 L.Ed.2d 742 (1973). All of which cases are reconciled by the court to accord with the holding here sought to be reviewed by Petitioner. To grant review in

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21. Id., at p.1214.

order to resolve this matter in accord with the contentions of the Petitioner would require this court to find that in no circumstances, regardless of how prejudiced a judge might be toward an attorney and no matter what he may do to manifest such prejudice, could a contempt judgment entered during the course of an ongoing trial be reversed for lack of due process and fair trial. Constitutional due process and fair trial prescriptions would be but hollow words without legal significance. The question is *not,* as posed by the Petitioner, whether "in every instance in which the judge has been the target of the contemptuous remarks, the judge must retreat."[22] But rather, as said by the court of appeals below whether:

> "The trial judge had such contempt for the [Respondent herein] that the judge was incapable of representing the impersonal authority of law necessary for fair adjudication. *Offutt v. United States,* supra. 348 U.S. 16, 75 S.Ct. at 14".

CONCLUSION

For the sound reasons and grounds appearing in the decision sought to be reviewed herein, certiorari ought be denied.

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22. Petition for Writ at page 17.

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

NO: 82-6153-CIV-WMH

RAY SANDSTROM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT BUTTERWORTH, etc., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by petitioner, RAYMOND SANDSTROM, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Petitioner, while defense counsel in a murder prosecution, was found in contempt of court by the state Circuit Judge trying the case in the Broward County Circuit Court.

A thirty day sentence was imposed and the conviction was later affirmed by Florida's District Court of Appeal in *Sandstrom v. State,* 402 So.2d 461 (4th D.C.A. 1981). Thereafter, certiorari was denied by the Supreme Court of Florida. *Sandstrom v. State,* 412 So.2d 470 (Fla. 1982).

A hearing has been held in this cause and testimony was taken from the petitioner, the petitioner's law partner, Fred Haddad, and the state prosecutor, Thomas Kern. That testimony, combined with the overall record in the case, (including pertinent portions of the original trial transcript) all compel this Court to conclude that the earlier proceedings were infected by acrimonious

clashes between the judge and the defense counsel. Personal invectives were exchanged, as each accused the other of unprofessional conduct. Petitioner claimed that he was being prevented from engaging in vigorous representation of his client (a man facing the death sentence), while the judge charged that the defense was purposely trying to gain a mistrial.

This Court does not propose to pass judgment on the participants, in order to conclude the issue presented by this petition. The record speaks for itself. Its reportage well demonstrates the roles of the several participants. It is unnecessary for this Court to gainsay the trial judge, beyond ruling on the narrow legal points asserted in the petition. Nor, should the Court pass judgment on petitioner, since a granting of this petition will require another judge, to decide, at another time, the issue presented by his conduct. The sole question before this Court, is whether petitioner's constitutional rights were violated in the process of the adjudication of the contempt charge.

I do think it appropriate to comment that petitioner's position as to the extent of his right to cross examine, under the circumstances in question, appears quite incorrect.

A critical, if not cardinal, component of due process is the right to be tried before an impartial tribunal. At times, judges have not been the image of "the impersonal authority of law" but have become so "personally embroiled" with a lawyer in the trial as to make the judge at least temporarily unfit to sit in judgment on the contempt charge. *Mayberry v. Pennsylvania,* 400 US 455;

27 L.Ed 2d 532, 91 S.Ct. 499 (1971). That proscription applies here. The record before this Court, as well as the largely undisputed testimony of the witnesses taken in hearing, clearly indicated that the state judge was emotionally entangled with the petitioner. While courts facing this type of issue usually have to infer the trial judges perspective and attitude by studying the import of the contemnor's words, in this case, each participant frankly articulated his opinion. Set forth below are small portions of the exchanges, garnered from the trial transcript. These indicate the emotional involvement that existed.

At the outset, a conflict arose over whether Mr. Haddad (Petitioner's partner) would be allowed to participate as co-counsel. Delays in beginning the trial had aggravated the Judge. When petitioner's partner (Mr. Haddad) appeared in Court, the Judge told him he was not co-counsel, that he was "sick" of him and ordered him out of the courtroom. (TR. p.2) When this was objected to, the Court referred to Mr. Haddad in very unflattering terms, stating he was going to put him in jail and that he was "sick" of him. (TR. p.3) Upon a motion to disqualify, the Judge changed his mind and permitted Mr. Haddad to remain but directed that he not participate. Further derogatory remarks were made about Mr. Haddad. (TR. p.4) In this setting, the trial began.

A new altercation arose over petitioner's examination of the witness, Dr. Jeffrey Mann. It ended with Mr. Sandstrome (sic) being cited for contempt, for the first time.

(Cross examination in progress)

Q. (By Mr. Sandstrom) On this one, does it not say—

A. That is unknown white male number two. This one I have an autopsy—

Q. This says unknown white male?

Mr. Kern: He doesn't let him answer the question.

THE COURT: Let him finish.

A. This one is identified—

Q. (By Mr. Sandstrom) I didn't ask you that. I am—

THE COURT: You asked him to identify. Now please give him a chance to answer.

MR. SANDSTROM: I am asking him about this portion.

THE COURT: You are so rude and nasty about it.

MR. SANDSTROM: Wait a minute now. I am objecting and making a motion. I want to excuse this jury.

THE COURT: You are not moving the jury out. Make your motion.

MR. SANDSTROM: I move for a mistrial on the grounds that the Court is particiating in this and employing the improper language in this courtroom reflecting on counsel for the defendant.

THE COURT: You are acting like an animal.

MR. SANDSTROM: No, I am not acting like any animal. I think the Court is doing that.

THE COURT: You are the rudest person I have ever seen.

MR. SANDSTROM: I can say the same for you.

THE COURT: It is because of you.

MR. SANDSTROM: Go ahead. If you think you are threatening me, I understand the grounds of propriety and how to walk within them. When you invite a comment, I shall comment.

THE COURT: I find you in contempt of Court. I will sentence you after the trial is over.

This contempt citation failed to resolve the difficulties because immediately thereafter there were continuing exchanges, apparently made before the jury. It serves no useful purpose to outline here the totality of the exchanges which took place between court and counsel. It is sufficient to note, again, that the hostility continued and intensified as demonstrated by the record. The final exchange which led to petitioner's incarceration is set out.

THE COURT: Do you have any testimony you want to bring before the Court or any evidence you want to present?: (sic)

MR. SANDSTROM: I haven't had adequate opportunity to present any one of the many articles and matters upon cross examination that reflect that the method of examination by the defendant and his counsel is proper, and not in this atmosphere can I run out and bring in an article. I am supported by all of the articles, and I want my opportunity to show that, but I want to show it in front of an impartial judge, one who has not reflected as this Court has reflected its personal animosity towards me.

THE COURT: Mr. Sandstrom, for ten years I have been practicing—I have been trying cases as a Criminal Court Judge, and for ten years you have had your nauseating effect upon this Court and every other court in this courthouse.

Your antics are designed to cause mistrials so that your clients don't go to trial. You have been doing that, and you did it the last time we went to trial a few months back, a couple months back, and you have done it again this time.

You are going to attack this Court until such time as the Court finally loses its patience and makes some

statement which you are then going to take to the Appellate Court and have the Appellate Court hopefully reverse on.

Well, I am telling you that I have had about enough of you, and enough of your tactics.

Now I am telling you that you will either do the way I tell you to do in your interrogation in regard to transcripts or you are going to jail this afternoon.

MR. SANDSTROM: I am not going to alter my defense to buckle to the Court in such a manner that this defendant does not have his proper cross examination that he is lawfully entitled to.

THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Sandstrom, this is the last time.

Are you going to do the interrogation in a manner I tell you to do and then take it before the Appellate Court if you don't like the way I tell you to do it and the results are against your client, or are you going to refuse to do it the way I tell you to do?

MR. SANDSTROM: The Court is preventing me from examining him.

THE COURT: I am asking you which way you want to go.

MR. SANDSTROM: I cannot examine in the posture you put it.

THE COURT: I will put Mr. Edson back on the stand.

MR. SANDSTROM: I cannot examine in the posture you have put it.

THE COURT: I find you in contempt of Court and sentence you to thirty days in jail.

Mr. Bailiff, take him to jail.

MR. SANDSTROM: I have the right to appeal.

THE COURT: You have a phone call in the jail to your partner, Mr. Haddad. You are going to jail, Mr. Sandstrom.

MR. SANDSTROM: I have the right to supersedeas immediately as a matter of right.

THE COURT: And this Court will be recessed until you decide to change your mind or until you take the matter before the Appellate Court.

Mr. Nolan will be taken back to his cell. The other prisoners will be taken into the custody of the U.S. Marshal. Mr. Sandstrom will go to jail, and he will remain there until an appeal is filed or a petition is filed by the Appellate Court, and this Court will stay in recess until such time as something happens, the Appellate Court orders me to go back to trial, declare a mistrial, release Mr. Sandstrom, or go on with the trial, whichever.

THE BAILIFF: This trial is in recess until further notice.

The next day a mistrial was declared in the murder trial and the trial judge recused himself from further responsibilities in the matter, by explaining that,

"this Court feels that it can't give the defense—I should say the defendant—a fair trial,"

The record further indicates that on March 14, 1979, the same trial judge denied petitioner, Sandstrom's motion for supersedeas bond. That order read as follows:

"This Court found defendant guilty of criminal contempt of court and refuses the person Ray Sandstrom supersedeas bond notwithstanding he meets the criteria of *Younghams v. State,* he is costing this state anticipated thousands of dollars by interfering with the proceedings of this court and preventing the completion of the trial."

Mr. Sandstrom was apparently later released on his own recognizance by the District Court of Appeal. (*See,* Brief of Appellant submitted to the District Court of Appeal, Fourth District at pg. 4.)

The federal courts have historically sought to maintain a careful balance between the interests of preserving courtroom decorum with the due process rights of defendants charged with contempt. An additional consideration comes into play, when the accused contemnor is a lawyer actively representing a client, *Offut v. United States,* 348 U.S. 11, 99 L.Ed. 11, 75 S.Ct. 11 (1954), for counsel must within limits be protected in the right of an accused to "fearless, vigorous and effective advocacy." Id. at page 15. I should not be misunderstood as suggesting that petitioner's conduct in the subject case was within the ambit of the quote just presented. A decision in that regard will be for another Broward Circuit Judge.

These interests are particularly difficult to balance when the charges in question arise out of confrontation with the judge. One must appreciate that the "power thus entrusted to a judge is wholly unrelated to his personal sensibilities, be they tender or rugged. . . . Judges are also human, and may, in a human way, quite unwittingly identify offense to self with obstruction to law . . . (they must therefore) . . . guard against this easy confusion by not sitting themselves in judgment upon misconduct of counsel where the contempt charged is entangled with the judge's own personal feeling against the lawyer." *Offut v. United States, supra* at 14.

On the other hand, this caveat cannot become an invitation to the guileful who would engage in acts of con-

tempt "in order to drive the judge out of the case for ulterior reasons." *Mayberry v. Pennsylvania*, 400 U.S. at 464.

In these situations,

> "Generalizations are difficult. Instant treatment of contempt where lawyers are involved may greatly prejuice (sic) their clients but may be the only wise course where others are involved. Moreover, we do not say that the more vicious the attack on the judge the less qualified he is to act. A judge cannot be driven out of a case. Where, however, he does not act the instant the contempt is committed but waits until the end of the trial, on balance it is generally wise where the marks of the unseemly conduct have left personal stings to ask a fellow judge to take his place."

Mayberry, supra at 463.

However, the decision to recuse cannot turn solely on when the adjudication of contempt takes place.[1] In a recent Fifth Circuit case, *Spruell v. Jarvis*, 654 F.2d 1090 (5th Cir. 1981), a contempt conviction of a trial attorney was overturned, because the contempt hearing was held after the trial, and therefore another judge should have presided. This ruling does not make the converse true, that when a defendant is cited mid-trial, the presiding judge is automatically the proper judge for the task. Unfortunately, this formalistic symmetry was seemingly embraced by the state appellate court. *See, Sandstrom v. State*, 402 So.2d 461 (1981).

An entire constellation of factors must be taken into account in order to balance the underlying interests. One of the more important considerations is the level of hostility within the trial. Here, the trial judge was not suf-

fering from an evanescent irritation. Rather, the record discloses personal hostility which permeated the trial. In such a situation, even the hardiest judge runs the risk of having his judgment clouded by personal feelings.

As a trial judge, I am, of course, in sympathy with the problems presented to hardworking and dedicated state trial judges. It is with reluctance that I conclude that under the circumstances in question, the extended and repeated exchanges, the tenor of the exchanges and the later sentencing that at the very least, the sentencing should have been conducted by another judge. Indeed, it was evident to the trial judge that a mistrial was necessary (as much of the colloquy was in front of the jury) and he frankly acknowledged his personal unwillingness to retry the case because of his attitude. I hasten to blunt what may appear to be criticism of the trial judge. Which of us can predict how we will respond to situations of the type described. That, of course, is not the point. Where a judge, no matter how able, becomes personally and angrily involved with a lawyer, the ultimate question of criminal contempt should, in a case such as presented here, be for another judge. For these reasons, the writ of habeas corpus will issue. At the hearing on the motion, even the state attorney who tried the case stated that the trial judge was "personally involved." Regarding the petitioner's motion for bond, the judge's comments (not necessary to refer to here) are a matter of record in this cause and are interesting with respect to his feelings about the defendant. It should further be noted that the state attorney was of the opinion that the petitioner wanted a mistrial.

This holding should not be interpreted in any way as approval of the petitioner's conduct, nor does it suggest a

reluctance to approve the invocation of the contempt power. This Court recognizes that the contempt power is at times an important means to insure the courtroom will remain a "hallowed place of quiet dignity as far removed as possible from the emotions of the street." *Mayberry v. Pennsylvania, infra* at 456. Nevertheless, that tradition cannot be peserved at the expense of due process. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the petition for writ of habeas corpus is granted. The state shall either afford petitioner Sandstrom a new trial, within 90 days, or release him from custody.[2]

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 19th day of May, 1983.

/s/ William M. Hoeveler
United States District Judge

FOOTNOTES

1. The record indicates that the petitioner was cited for contempt at least once in the course of the trial, and then ultimately again the afternoon before the declaration of the mistrial.

2. That the petitioner has been released on bond does not alter his status as being "in custody" of the State since he is not free from significant restraints on his freedom. *Jones v. Cunningham,* 371 U.S. 236 (1963).